

laws. And we have launched a strategy to end illegal child labor here a home based on three principles: enforcement, education and partnerships.

When it comes to enforcement, we have launched an initiative which focuses on five commodities—lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, garlic and onions. I call it "Operation Salad Bowl". We are sending strike forces to the fields to literally root out worker abuses. And we're getting results.

As of the end of June, we have already completed 33 targeted sweeps. Thirteen focused on the "salad bowl" commodities. These sweeps include 735 separate investigations with 205 in the "salad bowl" commodities. And we found scores of children working illegally—including a child as young as four-years-old working in the onion fields in Arizona.

We are committed to doing even more in enforcement—but we know that's not enough. Success takes education and it takes partnerships.

Last month, we launched the Fair Harvest/Safe Harvest campaign—a bilingual educational effort to reduce farm injuries and keep kids safe.

We are also partnering with community organizations such as the National Consumers League and the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs. We are partnering with the business community. And I want to make sure one other organization is a key partner in our effort—and that's the United States Congress.

Because the best way to enhance our effectiveness and ensure the goal of ending abusive child labor is this: Pass the President's budget request.

Pass the President's request for \$30 million to make the U.S. the leader in reducing child labor around the world.

And pass the request for over \$60 million to beef up our child labor enforcement efforts, and strengthen the education of migrant children and migrant job training.

The Senate has fully funded these proposals, but the House bill falls far short. So far, the House has refused to fund any of the President's increase in enforcement to fight abusive child labor.

Let's back up our resolve with resources. And let's make a real difference in the lives of children across our country and around the world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to place in the RECORD a copy of Ms. Diane Mull's statement at our press conference last week. Diane Mull is Executive Director of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs, the leading national organization which represents the interests of our farmworker population. Ms. Mull is recognized both nationally and internationally as one of the leading experts September 22, 1998 on child labor in agriculture. In her statement, Diane vividly explains some of the important reasons why we need to take a hard look at ensuring that we adequately protect our nation's most precious resource—our children.

STATEMENT OF L. DIANE MULL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATION OF FARMWORKER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

Thank you, Congressmen Lantos, Waxman, Sanders and Secretary Herman for this opportunity to speak today regarding the GAO report on child labor in agriculture. I am extremely pleased that a critical step to document the problem of child labor in America has been accomplished. This can help arm the Administration and the Congress to make needed changes within the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and its regulations to raise the level of protection of farmworker

children and make it equal to that of all other children. And lastly, Congressman Lantos, I want to thank you for the leadership role that you have taken on this issue in the House of Representatives.

I want to applaud the recent efforts of the Department of Labor. Through the Fair Harvest/Safe Harvest campaign, much needed information is being made available to the farmworker population. I hope that this will be an ongoing and expanded effort, until we are assured that every farmworker family in America knows and understands their rights and how to protect their children from the dangers in the agricultural workplace.

Although agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in the United States, children are legally allowed to work at very young ages, for unlimited hours before school and after school. The work is affecting their education. As many as 45 to 55 percent of farmworker children are dropping out of school. This is affecting these children's chance for a good education—an education that can help them break out of this cycle of poverty.

Children are dying and being injured in our fields. Children are being sprayed with pesticides, being run over by tractors, being injured and hurt in order to put food on tables across America and around the world. Just recently, a 9 year old was run over and killed by a tractor while working in a blueberry field in Michigan, a 13 year old was knocked off a ladder where he was picking cherries in Washington state and was run over by a trailer being pulled by a tractor, and a 17 year old while picking peaches and pruning apple trees in Utah was sprayed twice with pesticides in one week, he died of a massive brain hemorrhage. Children are dying and are being injured and their precious lives and futures are being stolen.

As the custodians of our children, we, as a nation, are charged with safeguarding their futures. We are charged with protecting them from exploitation on the job by prohibiting child labor for children under the age of 14 and by preventing children and minors from working in hazardous occupations that endanger their lives. Farmworkers, as an occupational group, are often excluded from such basic job protections as the federal minimum wage, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, and overtime pay. Because farmworker adults cannot earn a living wage working in agriculture and do not typically collect public assistance, farmworker families are forced to bring their children to the fields in order to put food on their table. It becomes an economic necessity for their children to work so that the family can survive.

At hand are issues that reflect how we view the rights of individuals within our society. If we fail to protect adequately all segments of the work force job hazards, we risk the creation of a class system that defines the rights of some workers as superior to those of others. To continue to allow inequity in labor standard protections calls into question our integrity as a civilized society. To know that these individuals are large minority and immigrant workers speaks to an even more egregious form of discrimination.

The Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs through the Children in the Fields campaign supports both the Children's Act for Responsible Employment (CARE) and the Young American Workers Bill of Rights—badly needed legislation that addresses these disparities by providing equal protection and equal standards for children who work as hired workers in agriculture.

The fruits and vegetables we eat are washed with the blood, sweat and tears of America's farmworker children. It is time for action. It is time that we stop this injus-

tice and provide protection for these children. We must act before any more children lose their lives or are injured. We must act before more children sacrifice their futures to put food on our tables.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to take these thoughtful and carefully considered views on children working in agriculture into account and support efforts in fighting abusive child labor in this country.

IN RECOGNITION OF NOTED CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN, HUGH D. MCCORMICK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of our colleagues the following story from the September 22 Northern Virginia Daily honoring the life of Mr. Hugh D. McCormick, a noted lawyer, author and Civil War historian who was also a World War II veteran. Mr. McCormick passed away on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, in Front Royal, Virginia, which is in my district. He was 95 years old.

In his book, *Confederate Son*, Mr. McCormick describes how his father and uncle participated in Pickett's Charge in the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War.

We send our condolences to Mr. McCormick's widow Virginia H. McCormick and their family.

Also included for the RECORD is a resolution honoring Mr. McCormick which was offered in a special session of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Virginia on September 21, 1998.

[From the Northern Virginia Daily, Sept. 22, 1998]

"CONFEDERATE SON" MCCORMICK GIVEN

LEGAL FAREWELL

(By Donna Dunn)

Hugh D. McCormick, called a "true son of the Confederacy," was honored Monday by the lawyers and judges he influenced in a career that spanned a half-century.

During a special session of Warren County Circuit Court, members of the local Bar Association introduced a resolution praising McCormick, a lawyer who died last Tuesday in Front Royal at age 95.

McCormick, who practiced into his 90s and was a Civil War historian, author, World War II veteran and former Town Council member, was remembered for his zest for life.

Retired General District Judge John F. Ewell read the association's resolution "to perpetuate the memory of their departed friend."

"We gather to pay our respects to a self-sufficient, goal-oriented man," he read.

McCormick, born Jan. 14, 1903, in Pittsylvania County, received a bachelor's degree in 1927 and a law degree in 1947 from the University of Virginia. Between college and law school, he worked for McCormick & Co. of Baltimore and served in the Marines in World War II. He practiced law in Front Royal from 1967 to 1995 and served as commonwealth's attorney and town attorney. He also served eight years on the council.

McCormick's wife, Virginia McCormick, and son, Hugh D. McCormick Jr., attended the ceremony.

The younger McCormick said his father's accomplishments are impressive, but he would have wanted to be remembered for something more.

"He would want to be remembered as honest, hard-working, for his optimism and his enthusiasm for history," he said. "He always tried to show that optimism."

McCormick remained in good health until just a few months before his death.

Mrs. McCormick said she was "lucky."

"How can you grieve for a man who lived 95 years and enjoyed life," she said.

A past president of the Samuels Public Library, Bar Association and Front Royal Rotary Club, McCormick also organized the First Federal Savings and Loan Association and Peoples Bank of Front Royal.

Circuit Judge John E. Wetsel Jr. remembered McCormick "for his energy and intelligence."

"He was literally a son of the South in the best sense," he said.

McCormick funded a teaching chair for the Civil War Institute at Shenandoah University. He was an active member of John S. Mosby Camp 1237 of Sons of Confederate Veterans and served as its commander from 1962 to 1965. McCormick's father, William Logan McCormick, served in the 38th Virginia Infantry and charged the Union lines with Gen. George E. Pickett at Gettysburg.

Circuit Judge Dennis L. Hupp said he met McCormick early in his legal career and found a friend in the older man.

"Hugh McCormick was a real son of the Confederacy and my mother was a true daughter of the Confederacy. When I told him this, he took a liking to me," Hupp said.

McCormick published his memoirs, "Confederate Son," in 1993 and gave the proceeds to the Civil War Institute.

The 176-page book recounts McCormick's family heritage and his own life, including his youth in rural Virginia and success as a professional.

Former Front Royal Mayor Robert Traister recalled in the preface of "Confederate Son" his first meeting with McCormick.

The elderly lawyer's office was at the top of a steep set of stairs. But Traister noticed that a motorized chair was positioned at the bottom—for McCormick, he assumed.

After climbing to the top-floor suite, Traister was greeted by McCormick with a firm handshake and a rapid-fire explanation of the lift.

"You should've called on the intercom and I'd of motored you up to the top . . . I keep it there for my elderly clients . . . don't use it myself . . . the walk up here every day is good for my back . . . good for my golf game," McCormick told him.

Hugh McCormick Jr. said his father left the memoirs as his legacy.

"He said he wanted to leave it so his family would understand his life," he said. "And it's an interesting part of Americana."

Delivered into this world by a midwife who was a former slave, McCormick respected all people, his son said.

"He liked people and met them wherever they were," he said.

In the epilogue to "Confederate Son," McCormick shared his philosophy on life:

"Do not fear the future. Whenever a challenge presents itself, pursue it with all of the intelligence and energy at your command. To do so guarantees success in any of its myriad forms. To do less is not only abhorrently wasteful of the human spirit, it is undignified."

Virginia: In the circuit court of Warren County

Re Special session of court in honor and memory of Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire

ORDER

There will be a special session of the Circuit Court of Warren County on September

21, 1998, at 4:00 p.m. in honor and memory of Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire.

A committee consisting of the following named persons shall present a memorial resolution to the Court at that time, to-wit: Edward F. Greco, Esquire, Chairman; The Honorable John F. Ewell, Judge, Retired; and John G. Cadden, Esquire.

The Clerk of this Court shall forward copies of this Order to the named committee members, post a copy of this Order in his office and forward copies of this Order to the Clerks of all Circuit Court in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit who shall post these in their respective offices. The Clerks shall further notify members of their respective Bars in the manner they deem most expeditious and may also further disseminate copies of this Order as they deem appropriate.

Entered this 18 day of September, 1998.

PREAMBLES AND RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, on the 16th day of September, 1998, Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire, a former member of the Bar of this Court departed this life; and,

Whereas, Warren County has suffered the loss of an able and distinguished lawyer, sportsman and citizen, and, members of the Bar of Virginia who knew him, grieve the loss of a true and loyal friend; and,

Whereas, a brief Memorial of his life history is hereto attached; and,

Whereas, it is the desire of the members of the local Bar of this Court to perpetuate the memory of their departed friend and brother as a part of the records of this Court, and to place in these records an expression of their love and affection for him as a man, and of the admiration, respect and esteem in which they hold his memory as an outstanding person.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the members of the Warren County Bar do hereby express their profound grief and their sense of the irreparable loss they have suffered in the death of their friend and brother, Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire; and,

Be it further resolved, that for the purpose of perpetuating his memory, this Resolution, with the attached Memorial, be submitted to the Circuit Court of Warren County, Virginia, accompanied by a Motion that they be made a part of the permanent records of this Court and to have a copy thereof sent to his widow, Virginia H. McCormick, and to the local press.

Presented by a Committee of the Warren County Bar on behalf of the Warren County Bar Association.

MEMORIAL

Hugh DeWitt McCormick, Esquire, was born January 14, 1903 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The youngest of thirteen children, he was the son of William Logan McCormick, a Confederate veteran in Pickett's Division, and Louise Taylor Farmer McCormick. Beginning his education in a one room schoolhouse, he was a 1923 graduate of Chatham Training School, now Hargrave Military Academy, and received a B.S. degree in 1927 and went on to receive a L.L.B. degree in 1947 from the University of Virginia. Between college and law school he worked for McCormick & Co., Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland. He was a WW II veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He was appointed Commanding Officer of Service Squadron-34, Marine Air Group 34, Third Marine Wing, Oak Grove, North Carolina. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring.

Mr. McCormick practiced law in Front Royal from 1947 to 1995. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney and Town Attorney and served eight years on the Front Royal Town Council. He was past President of the Samuel's Public Library, was an organizer of

the First Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Peoples Bank of Front Royal. He was past president of the Warren County Bar Association and the Front Royal Rotary Club, a member of the Unity Lodge 146 AF & AM, a Shriner, and active in many other fraternal and civic organizations. He funded scholarships at the University of Virginia School of Law and at Campbell Theological Seminary in Buies Creek, North Carolina. He also funded a chair for the Civil War Institute at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

Mr. McCormick took a great interest in athletics and was an accomplished athlete and a strong supporter of the University of Virginia Alumni Association and the Athletic Association. He played on the University of Virginia football team and was a lifelong devotee of the game of golf which he played until he was ninety-two years old.

One of the last real Confederate sons, he had a great interest in the history of the Confederacy. He was an active member of John S. Mosby Camp 1237, Sons of Confederate Veterans and served as its Commander from 1962-1965. He published his memoirs "Confederate Son" in 1993 with proceeds going to the Civil War Institute of Shenandoah University in Winchester.

The community, and particularly the Bar, wish to express our deepest regret and sympathy to his family as we gather to pay our respects to a self-sufficient, goal oriented man, a colleague and a friend. All of us will do well to remember his admonition in his Epilogue of "Confederate Son": "Do not fear the future. Whenever a challenge presents itself, pursue it with all of the intelligence and energy at your command. To do so guarantees success in any of its myriad forms. To do less is not only abhorrently wasteful of the human spirit, it is undignified." Hugh DeWitt McCormick epitomized this worthy sentiment.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bar and citizens of Warren County.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. "LARRY" DAVIS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to pay tribute to Colonel Robert L. "Larry" Davis, the Commander and District Engineer for the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Thanks to a recent promotion, Larry will soon undertake a new assignment as the Chief of Staff of Fort Leonard Wood, U.S. Army Engineer School in Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Colonel Davis was born on May 25, 1951 in Woodbury, NJ. Commissioned in the Army, he entered active duty in June, 1974 after graduation from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. In addition, he holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Georgia Institute of Technology and is a registered professional engineer in the State of Virginia. His military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Air Force Air War College. His initial assignments after the Engineer Officer Basic Course were as a platoon leader and executive officer with the 249th Engineer Battalion in Karlsruhe, Germany.

After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, his assignments included